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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 1700  
**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	Confirmation No.: 2833
Toshimasa KUMAKI, <i>et al.</i>	Group Art Unit: 1793
Application No. 10/587,656	Examiner: Roe, Jesse Randall
Filed: July 28, 2006	Atty. Docket No.: 065341.00011
For: FE BASE ALLOY HAVING LAYER AND METHOD FOR PRODUCTION THEREOF	

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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July 17, 2009

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 22, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

**Amendments to the claims are submitted beginning on page 2.**

**Remarks are submitted beginning on page 10.**